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### LITERARY.

[For the Voice of Angels.]

#### NATURE.

THROUGH TRYPHENA C. PARDEE.

SOFTENING, fading dyes that changing come and go,  
At Autumn sunset's litful hour of beauteous glow,  
When frost-nipped leaves blaze with a hectic flame,  
Are Nature's eloquence no words can frame.

And her silent footstep through creation treads,  
When night sets forth a train of darkest gloomy shades,  
And twinkling grandeur of God's world-genemed grace  
Sublimely shines throughout deep stellar space.

How her tender breathings lend attraction's charms,  
As heart to fiery heart's incessant pledge-word warms;  
Light blinding light streams in to mazes vast,  
Where only thought aspires to knowledge taste.

Zephyrs stilly rising from some dewy flower,  
Most sensitive to catch the tiny, pleasant power  
Of freshest heaven-lent beams on morning's ray,  
With pure joys leap like souls that praise and pray.

Nature's golden threads spun from eternal law  
In twilight's dusky shades and morning's rosy glow,  
Alike weave tinted mists for clouds of gray,  
That float to bless the earth both night and day.

Nature's finest self thrills every human life,  
Responding throb with throb for every wish and strife;  
Breast feels for breast in bitterest pangs of grief,  
Joy laughs with joy for seasons long or brief.

Fairest hopes that turned to mould'ring clods of dust—  
Ah, sympathizers are we all for ruined trust!  
What melting tones the mystic healing flings  
On stricken wires;—"My heart hath broken strings."

Strengthening fragrance rises from hild blossoms bruised;  
Some soul-told touch from minds the self-h world accused  
Shine Nature's fondest germs of sweet angelic love,  
To break the soil, and sisters' hands unglove.

He whose pulses beat in every heart and star,  
And folds the atoms in the balmy waving air,  
Who lifts the shining dewdrops and the rain,  
Palest sparkling gems, and vitalizes grain—

Source of Living Nature, owning nowhere death,  
We listen for thy voice, the words thy Spirit saith:  
And lo! we startle at high Nature's plan—  
"God through his only image speaks—through man."

Never wonder when man's ever-restless thought  
Swims highest soul-sea tides by holy wisdom wrought,  
Nor call him back from infinite desire  
To learn his Father's will, aye calling "higher."

Nor check him when he seeks the truth to know  
Of dear relationships who life-knit ties forego,  
And vanish like a vapor from our sight;—  
'Tis natural, O God, we ask for light.

Oh, Thou who deignest in thy wondrous boundless love  
To lead us to the fountain-head above!  
The marvellous gates swing wide on simple law,  
We find our friends alive—death-shades withdraw.

Silent joy-awed nature in our beings burn,  
Immortal Life's great book its natural pages turn;  
We read in thought, in hill, and flowing plain,  
"Nature dissolves but to revive again."

ELLINGTON, N. Y., Oct. 10, 1879.

## MESSAGE FROM ROBERT HARE TO DR. FAHNESTOCK.

[THROUGH DR. O., CONTINUED.]

DEAR DOCTOR,—You are fully aware that in the entire creation there is a gradual progression from one state or quality of existence to another; that is, there are no abrupt jumps, or, more correctly speaking, (as my friend Swedenborg would say,) no direct degrees. Take, as an example—in passing from vegetative to animal life you discover that the progression is so gradual that you can scarcely tell where the one ends or the other begins. You have the perfect vegetable, the zoophyte, the various species of worms, until you arrive at the perfect vertebrated species.

Again, in passing from animals to man, you discover the same progression in the various tribes of monkeys, orang outangs, negroes, etc. You will perceive that the last connecting link in every series embraces in itself the nature of both the varieties it serves to connect, and has the power of the perpetuation of either species, dependent on the variety with which it copulates. Take up this thought and remember that man is the connecting link between animals and angels, between matter and Spirit, capable of living like animals in a physical world, of enjoying physical senses like animals, and at the same time being in virtue of his

Spiritual nature capable of living among Spiritual beings, enjoying their society, and in a word, even while in a physical body, being one of them: you inquire, How is this assimilation effected? Only remember your analogy, and you have the answer. If the communicating link in any series assumes the habitudes of the species above, it is gradually assimilated into that species; if the variety below, into that. (If the negro confines his propagation and mutual endowment to negroes, he remains a negro—if to the species above, his distinctive characteristics will ultimately be lost in a-similation.) Man by assuming the habitudes of the animal has lost his power of Spirit-realization. By assuming the habitudes of angels, this may be again resumed. "A word to the wise."

ROBERT HARE.

LANCASTER, PENN., Jan. 20, 1862.

### CIVILIZATION:

MESSAGE NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE.

SPOKEN AT STEVENSON, ALA., MAY 12, 1879. BY  
EPICURUS, THRO' J. M. A. TO S. S. A.

[Silent letters rejected, but otherwise the spelling is mostly after the common fashion.]

Yes, we hav com to tak to yo. We wil not be long. It is desirabl for yo to hav a hom-plac rit awa, wher yo can rest for the Sumer, and be preparing for the changes that ar likely to com "befor the sno flis," (as tha sa in New England.)

It is not esential that yo shud reman in the South, unles yo so prefer. It is esential that Jams shud meet and satisfy the influences that hover over the central portion of the continent; and at the sam tim be securing for himself and yo a foothold in the West, if posibl and best—and if not, then to secur means with which to increas the facilitis for the development of the group-idea in the Est. One or the other shud be don quikly.

So far as the work of the kind now being don is concernd, yo ar soon to be liberated—we trust forever; but other work awats yo, ov a mor practical, constructiv character, which yo wil enter upon, when the rit tim coms, with curag, fath and confidenc

Yo ar at liberty to reman with yor husband.



and deal with the influences, local and political, of this section, for a season longer; or to return at once Northward, and await further developments. In either case, you will have enough to do, but will be sustained from above. 'Tis necessary that Jamaica, at least, should push on.

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There is too little vitality or resistance within you at the present time, to meet readily and successfully much opposition; and you are liable to have more or less—perhaps considerable—in case you go forward through the South as proposed. We will control conditions so that you will be taken through, if you make the attempt; but it might be as well to avoid a contingency, and pass to a point where you will at least have a foothold which you can call your own, while preliminaries are being arranged elsewhere, or means secured for transferring when practicable the "Ark of the New Covenant" to its permanent abiding place.

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**BUTTERMILK AS A COSMETIC**—Bathe the face in buttermilk, sour, of course. Take a soft rag, dip into a cup of buttermilk and wash every part of the face, neck and hands. If there has been a greater exposure to the sun than usual, after washing the face well, squeeze out the cloth and just wipe the skin off, and let it remain on without washing till morning. You will be astonished to see how soon the freckles and tan will disappear. For keeping the hands white and skin soft, there is nothing equal to buttermilk. When one gets burned with the hot sun, one or two bathings in buttermilk will cause the smarting to cease, take out the inflammation, and render it comfortable, quicker than any other remedy ever tried. There is something in the acid contained in the buttermilk that does the work. When one has stained fingers, with either berries, apples or nuts, it will remove the stains almost immediately. It is particularly cooling to the skin. You will never try any other lotion for beautifying the complexion, after using the buttermilk, if you can obtain that.

**AN ICE POCKET**—Make a double pocket of any kind of thick woollen cloth, with a space of two inches or so between the inner and outer pockets; fill the outside one with clean feathers. One thus made and kept closed at the top will keep ice for many days.



## MEDICAL HINTS.

A good way to clean teeth is to dip the brush in water, rub it over genuine white castile soap, then dip in prepared chalk. A lady says, "I have been complimented upon the whiteness of my teeth, which were originally anything but white. I have used the soap constantly for two or three years, and the chalk for the last year. There is no danger of scratching the teeth, as the chalk is prepared, but with a good stiff brush and the soap it is as effectual as soap and sand on a floor."

**NEW CURE FOR NEURALGIA.**—For the benefit of sufferers from neuralgia, we give Edison's recipe for his polyform, as published in the *Drug Reporter*, a high medical authority: Chloroform, two ounces; chloral hydrate, two ounces; alcohol, one and a half ounces; camphor, one ounce; sulphuric ether, one ounce; sulphate morphine, six grains; oil peppermint, two drams. Shake thoroughly. For outward application only.

**A CURE FOR WHOOPING COUGH.**—A teaspoonful of castor oil to a teaspoonful of molasses. Give a teaspoonful of the mixture, whenever the cough is troublesome. It will afford relief at once, and in a few days will effect a cure. The same medicine relieves the croup, however violent the attack.

**SPOTS** on towels and hosiery will disappear if a little hartshorn is put into enough water to soak the articles, and they are left in it an hour or two before washing; and, if a cupful is put into the water in which the white clothes are soaked, the night before washing, the ease with which the articles can be washed, and their great whiteness and cleanness when dried, will be very gratifying. Remembering the small sum paid for three quarts of hartshorn of common strength, one can easily see that no bleaching preparation can be more cheaply obtained.

To cure sore throat, pour a few drops of spirits of camphor on a lump of sugar, and allow it to dissolve in the mouth every hour. The third and fourth enables the patient to swallow with ease. This has cured in the last stages of the disease.

A small piece of chalk put in a pitcher of water, without imparting any taste whatever to the same, will yet exercise a corrective effect upon the stomach of any one afflicted with acidity, or heartburn, as it is familiarly called.

A teaspoonful of turpentine added to a pail of water will disinfect a sick room immediately, and will prove a powerful auxiliary against germs and bad odors.

Lemon juice pressed into a snake-bite wound, is said to be an antidote for the poison. Eating a lemon is also recommended.

The white of an egg will destroy the bitter taste of quinine, and render it palatable and acceptable to delicate stomachs.

Alum is the best cure for lead colic, and relieves the pain and nausea more certainly than any other remedy.

**THE** man who loves truth with all his heart, likewise loves those who suffer for the sake of truth.

**THE USES OF SALT.**—To be sure none of us can keep house without salt, and Mrs. Allright will say: "Who needs to be told of its uses? Of course we all know that it enters into the preparation of all animal and vegetable food; we cannot make butter without its use; we cannot keep meat, fish, pickles, etc. We don't need an article in the newspaper to tell us that." Softly, softly, Mrs. Allright. Doubtless you do know all its uses, but perhaps your next neighbor does not. Nor did you know until the other day, when you turned your inkstand all over your carpet, that it would take the stain entirely out of the woolen material.

It will also sometimes help sick headache. Dissolve a teaspoonful of it in half a tumbler of water, and try it for yourself the next time you are afflicted. The next dose will rid your child of the terrible trouble of worms, and it will also ease the pain of irritable diseases of the skin, such as hives, etc. It will stop vomiting frequently when all other remedies fail, and it will also stop hemorrhages from the lungs. There is no more fertilizing medium for the growth of many kind of vegetables; celery, cabbage, asparagus, sea-kale and many other varieties are all raised in a superior condition by its assistance. Add a teacupful of it to your warm water bath, and you will soon feel the benefit of its influence upon your skin. Indeed, we possess no more valuable remedial article than salt, and its uses are yearly developed in new ways.—*Corr. County Gent.*

**THE USE OF LEMON.**—There are three ways of making lemonade: To squeeze the juice into cold water—this is the shortest way; or to cut it in slices and let it soak in cold water; or to cut it in slices and then boil it. Lemonade is one of the best and safest drinks for a person, whether in health or not. It is suitable to all stomach diseases; it is excellent in sickness. The pips, crushed, may also be mixed with sugar water, and used as a drink. We advise every one to rub the gums daily with lemon juice to keep them in health. The hands and nails are also kept clean, white, soft and supple by the daily use of lemon, instead of soap. It also prevents chilblains. Lemon is used in intermittent fevers, mixed with strong, hot, black coffee without sugar. Neuralgia may be cured by rubbing the part affected with a cut lemon. It is valuable, also, to cure warts, and to destroy dandruff on the head by rubbing the roots of the hair with it.

**AN** IVY, if kept in the house, will not flourish, unless the leaves are occasionally washed. Each plant leaf is full of pores or breathing tubes, which are closed if the plant is full of dust—thus injuring vigorous growth. Fifth avenue mansions are often almost covered with wisteria, which grow to a great height and very rapidly; living out well all winter. Red brick walls, at best, are unsightly, and the timely outlay of a trifle might, in most cases, make them exceedingly attractive.

To acquire experience, we ourselves must smart.—*Sheridan.*

## FORCEYTHE WILLSON.

Among American poets of promise was Forceythe Willson. Born in Indiana in 1837, he died in 1867. He, too, was a psychometrist. He would take a letter, and, pressing it to his forehead, announce accurately the character and personal appearance of the writer. He, too, like Oberlin, professed to have interviews with his departed wife. There is a remarkable poem from his pen, entitled "The Voice," which seems to have reference to the fact. We quote the following passages:

"My soul to ecstasy was stirred;  
It was a Voice that I had heard  
A thousand blissful times before,  
But deemed that I should hear no more  
Till I should have a Spirit's ear  
And breathe another atmosphere."

Where art thou, blessed Spirit, where,  
Whose voice is dew upon the air?  
I looked around me and above,  
And cried aloud, "Where art thou, Love?  
Oh, let me see thy living eye,  
And clasp thy living hand, or die!"  
Again upon the atmosphere  
The self-same words fell, "I am here."

"Here? Thou art here, Love?"—"I am here."  
The echo died upon my ear!  
I looked around me everywhere,  
But ah, there was no mortal there!  
The moonlight was upon the mart,  
And awe and wonder in my heart.

I saw no form!—I only felt  
Heaven's peace upon me as I knelt,  
And knew a Soul beatified  
Was at that moment at my side."

Between Willson and a neighbor a coolness had arisen. But as Willson was about to leave town, the neighbor met him at the cars, and holding out his hand, said, "We must not part with a cloud between us." Willson grasped the proffered hand with emotion, and replied, "The good man within me told me to say to you just what you have said to me; but the devil would have conquered, I fear, if you had not spoken. We shall never meet again; for within six months I shall have joined my wife in the Land of the Hereafter."

The presentiment was accurate. Within four months he died.—From "*Plunchette, or the Despair of Science.*" Published by Roberts Brothers.

On the wild rose-tree  
Many buds there be,  
Yet each sunny hour  
Hath but one perfect flower.

Thou who wouldst be wise,  
Open wide thine eyes—  
In each sunny hour  
Pluck the one perfect flower!  
—[Richard Watson Gilder]

## VERIFICATION OF SPIRIT-MESSAGE.

WILLOUGHBY, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1879.

**MR. DENSMORE.**—I am pleased to say that the message from May Hurd, through Miss M. T. Shellhamer, in the *VOICE* for Oct. 1st, is correct in every particular, and I feel thankful for it. Hope to hear from her again.

Fraternally yours,

LUSEBA HURD.

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#### CELERY A CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

HE who has suffered from this terrible disease will be somewhat doubtful if there can be any sure cure for it. But physicians are now speaking very strongly of the use of celery as beneficial; and some of the English papers assure us that they have good medical authority for affirming that it is a certain cure if used properly. To be efficacious it must be cooked, not eaten raw, as is the usual custom. If taken uncooked, although a delightful addition to any meal, its curative qualities are never developed, and it is because its remarkable effect on such complaints has not been perceived. The celery should be cut into small pieces and boiled in a little water until soft, and the water should be used as a drink. Add sweet milk (new milk, if it is to be had) to the cooked celery. After the water has been drained off, thicken it with a little flour and nutmeg, or add some tomatoes; let it boil up till all are incorporated, and serve on hot toast. A physician (in England, we think) says he has many times put his rheumatic patients upon such a diet, and with unfailing success. Within the year we have often been treated with cooked celery, and find it excellent; and if found to be a cure for one of life's greatest enemies, it will stand pre-eminently above all other roots.—*Ex.*

**BUTTERMILK AS A COSMETIC**—Bathe the face in buttermilk, sour, of course. Take a soft rag, dip into a cup of buttermilk and wash every part of the face, neck and hands. If there has been a greater exposure to the sun than usual, after washing the face well, squeeze out the cloth and just wipe the skin off, and let it remain on without washing till morning. You will be astonished to see how soon the freckles and tan will disappear. For keeping the hands white and skin soft, there is nothing equal to buttermilk. When one gets burned with the hot sun, one or two bathings in buttermilk will cause the smarting to cease, take out the inflammation, and render it comfortable, quicker than any other remedy ever tried. There is something in the acid contained in the buttermilk that does the work. When one has stained fingers, with either berries, apples or nuts, it will remove the stains almost immediately. It is particularly cooling to the skin. You will never try any other lotion for beautifying the complexion, after using the buttermilk, if you can obtain that.

**AN ICE POCKET**—Make a double pocket of any kind of thick woollen cloth, with a space of two inches or so between the inner and outer pockets; fill the outside one with clean feathers. One thus made and kept closed at the top will keep ice for many days.



## MEDICAL HINTS.

A good way to clean teeth is to dip the brush in water, rub it over genuine white castile soap, then dip in prepared chalk. A lady says, "I have been complimented upon the whiteness of my teeth, which were originally anything but white. I have used the soap constantly for two or three years, and the chalk for the last year. There is no danger of scratching the teeth, as the chalk is prepared, but with a good stiff brush and the soap it is as effectual as soap and sand on a floor."

**NEW CURE FOR NEURALGIA.**—For the benefit of sufferers from neuralgia, we give Edison's recipe for his polyform, as published in the *Drug Reporter*, a high medical authority: Chloroform, two ounces; chloral hydrate, two ounces; alcohol, one and a half ounces; camphor, one ounce; sulphuric ether, one ounce; sulphate morphine, six grains; oil peppermint, two drams. Shake thoroughly. For outward application only.

**A CURE FOR WHOOPING COUGH.**—A teaspoonful of castor oil to a teaspoonful of molasses. Give a teaspoonful of the mixture, whenever the cough is troublesome. It will afford relief at once, and in a few days will effect a cure. The same medicine relieves the croup, however violent the attack.

**SPOTS ON TOWELS AND LINEN.** will disappear if a little hartshorn is put into enough water to soak the articles, and they are left in it an hour or two before washing; and, if a cupful is put into the water in which the white clothes are soaked, the night before washing, the ease with which the articles can be washed, and their great whiteness and cleanness when dried, will be very gratifying. Remembering the small sum paid for three quarts of hartshorn of common strength, one can easily see that no bleaching preparation can be more cheaply obtained.

To cure sore throat, pour a few drops of spirits of camphor on a lump of sugar, and allow it to dissolve in the mouth every hour. The third and fourth enables the patient to swallow with ease. This has cured in the last stages of the disease.

A small piece of chalk put in a pitcher of water, without imparting any taste whatever to the same, will yet exercise a corrective effect upon the stomach of any one afflicted with acidity, or heartburn, as it is familiarly called.

A teaspoonful of turpentine added to a pail of water will disinfect a sick room immediately, and will prove a powerful auxiliary against germs and bad odors.

Lemon juice pressed into a snake-bite wound, is said to be an antidote for the poison. Eating a lemon is also recommended.

The white of an egg will destroy the bitter taste of quinine, and render it palatable and acceptable to delicate stomachs.

Alum is the best cure for lead colic, and relieves the pain and nausea more certainly than any other remedy.

The man who loves truth with all his heart, likewise loves those who suffer for the sake of truth.

**THE USE OF SALT.**—To be sure none of us can keep house without salt, and Mrs. Allright will say: "Who needs to be told of its uses? Of course we all know that it enters into the preparation of all animal and vegetable food; we cannot make butter without its use; we cannot keep meat, fish, pickles, etc. We don't need an article in the newspaper to tell us that." Softly, softly, Mrs. Allright. Doubtless you do know all its uses, but perhaps your next neighbor does not. Nor did you know until the other day, when you turned your inkstand all over your carpet, that it would take the stain entirely out of the woolen material.

It will also sometimes help sick headache. Dissolve a teaspoonful of it in half a tumbler of water, and try it for yourself the next time you are afflicted. The next dose will rid your child of the terrible trouble of worms, and it will also ease the pain of irritable diseases of the skin, such as hives, etc. It will stop vomiting frequently when all other remedies fail, and it will also stop hemorrhages from the lungs. There is no more fertilizing medium for the growth of many kind of vegetables; celery, cabbage, asparagus, sea-kale and many other varieties are all raised in a superior condition by its assistance. Add a teacupful of it to your warm water bath, and you will soon feel the benefit of its influence upon your skin. Indeed, we possess no more valuable remedial article than salt, and its uses are yearly developed in new ways.—*Corr. County Gent.*

**THE USE OF LEMON.**—There are three ways of making lemonade: To squeeze the juice into cold water—this is the shortest way; or to cut it in slices and let it soak in cold water; or to cut it in slices and then boil it. Lemonade is one of the best and safest drinks for a person, whether in health or not. It is suitable to all stomach diseases; it is excellent in sickness. The pipe, crushed, may also be mixed with sugar water, and used as a drink. We advise every one to rub the gums daily with lemon juice to keep them in health. The hands and nails are also kept clean, white, soft and supple by the daily use of lemon, instead of soap. It also prevents chilblains. Lemon is used in intermittent fevers, mixed with strong, hot, black coffee without sugar. Neuralgia may be cured by rubbing the part affected with a cut lemon. It is valuable, also, to cure warts, and to destroy dandruff on the head by rubbing the roots of the hair with it.

An Ivy, if kept in the house, will not flourish, unless the leaves are occasionally washed. Each plant leaf is full of pores or breathing tubes, which are closed if the plant is full of dust—thus injuring vigorous growth. Fifth avenue mansions are often almost covered with wisteria, which grow to a great height and very rapidly; living out well all winter. Red brick walls, at best, are unsightly, and the timely outlay of a trifle might, in most cases, make them exceedingly attractive.

To acquire experience, we ourselves must smart.—*Sheridan.*

## FORCEYTHE WILLSON.

Among American poets of promise was Forceythe Willson. Born in Indiana in 1837, he died in 1867. He, too, was a psychometrist. He would take a letter, and, pressing it to his forehead, announce accurately the character and personal appearance of the writer. He, too, like Oberlin, professed to have interviews with his departed wife. There is a remarkable poem from his pen, entitled "The Voice," which seems to have reference to the fact. We quote the following passages:

"My soul to ecstasy was stirred;  
It was a Voice that I had heard  
A thousand blissful times before,  
But deemed that I should hear no more  
Till I should have a Spirit's ear  
And breathe another atmosphere."

Where art thou, blessed Spirit, where,  
Whose voice is dew upon the air?  
I looked around me and above,  
And cried aloud, "Where art thou, Love?  
Oh, let me see thy living eye,  
And clasp thy living hand, or die!"  
Again upon the atmosphere  
The self-same words fell, "I am here!"

"Here? Thou art here, Love?"—"I am here!"  
The echo died upon my ear!  
I looked around me everywhere,  
But ah, there was no mortal there!  
The moonlight was upon the mart,  
And awe and wonder in my heart.

I saw no form!—I only felt  
Heaven's peace upon me as I knelt,  
And knew a Soul beatified  
Was at that moment at my side."

Between Willson and a neighbor a coolness had arisen. But as Willson was about to leave town, the neighbor met him at the cars, and holding out his hand, said, "We must not part with a cloud between us." Willson grasped the proffered hand with emotion, and replied, "The good man within me told me to say to you just what you have said to me; but the devil would have conquered, I fear, if you had not spoken. We shall never meet again; for within six months I shall have joined my wife in the Land of the Hereafter."

The presentiment was accurate. Within four months he died.—From "*Planchette, or the Despair of Science*," Published by Roberts Brothers.

On the wild rose-tree  
Many buds there be,  
Yet each sunny hour  
Hath but one perfect flower.

Thou who wouldst be wise,  
Open wide thine eyes—  
In each sunny hour  
Pluck the one perfect flower!

—(Richard Watson Uilder)

## VERIFICATION OF SPIRIT-MESSAGE.

WILLOUGHBY, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1879.

MR. DENSMORE,—I am pleased to say that the message from May Hurd, through Miss M. T. Shelhamer, in the *Voice* for Oct. 1st, is correct in every particular, and I feel thankful for it. Hope to hear from her again.

Fraternally yours,

LUNEA HURD.

We need some rules, some established convictions; some opinions held firmly, if only as provisional opinions; some practical, working belief.



[For the Voice of Angels.]

## THE NEW DISPENSATION.

NUMBER SEVEN.

When the question of Kate Fox, "Look here, Old Split-foot, do as I do"—snapping her fingers—and its intelligent response—rap, rap, rap—began "Modern Spiritualism." Why, Modern Spiritualism!—it is as old as historic humanity! Yes, in the broad conception of it; but not in its definitions.

The phrase, *Modern Spiritualism*, is well applied. All such previous phenomena, if accounted for at all, were conceived to be from the devil or his imps, or from God or his angels. In the universal mind, the idea that these were human intelligences, through trains that once walked and talked in an earth-form, had no existence. Modern Spiritualism so understands it. It had never been so understood before. Keep in mind this understanding of it; and thus placing it brings it at once within the realm of science. Science is comprehending and placing things and phenomena in their proper place and order.

Intelligence in response to human intelligence must proceed from a human being, when that intelligence in its scope transcends the power of life below man.

If one sends a letter of inquiry to the Postmaster of New Orleans, not knowing who he is or his name, and gets an intelligent answer, an idea that it was answered by a dog or a hare never enters the mind; because it was never known to occur, and never could exist under the general law of corresponding relations.

An intelligent response, even by a rap, to a human mind, must of necessity proceed from a human mind. It cannot in the nature of things be otherwise. But it may come from God, an angel, or the devil. Yes; but it only proves that this God, this angel, or this devil, is simply and purely human—that's all. We shall endeavor to show, before we get through with these articles, that there is no God, angel, or devil, except of human origin. What the human race has in the past and does in the present conceive to be their God, is advanced human life-force, in Spirit-spheres, acting upon, guiding and controlling those who are still in the earth form. From supposing that these Spiritual powers were the Great Life-force and Life itself of this vast universe, came all the confusion (or most of it) that came at the outset, and does more or less now, in an intellectual interchange of thought between the earth and Spirit-spheres. Intellectual communication established, questions and answers began.

Remember, in the minds of perhaps nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand, found those who had "passed on" through death's open door—they had gone to an endless hell, direct, or to a walled city, heaven, direct; or slept the sleep of the dead in a sort of nonentity state, until some trump in the far-off future should call them to a judgment-seat, to there receive their final doom—that is, an eternal existence, either in this hell or heaven.

Hence, communications from departed friends—fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, relations, acquaintances, and those known only by reputation—at first, tho' well established and "test-proof," the inquiry was, "Are you in heaven?" "No." Astonished—"Why, that person was the best Christian I ever knew!—Not in heaven?" "No." Shuddering and trembling, the other question is asked—"Are you in hell?" "No." More astonished—"It must be a mistake. Are you really Deacon B—?" "Yes." "And not in either heaven or hell?" "No." "Well, now, can't you make me sure that you are Deacon B—?" Here follows a message, that gives the inquirers to understand about a conversation the two held together at a certain place, and on a subject no one ever knew about but these two individuals. "That is so," says the investigator; "no one ever knew anything about that but us two—that's sure." Hope is again revived; it is certainly Deacon B—. "And you are not in heaven or hell?" "No." Another thought—"Have you seen God?" "No." Astonished again, and confounded more and more; and this leads to more inquiry—"Have you seen Christ?" "No." "Well, if that don't beat all! Here is Deacon B—, dead, I'm sure of that; knew him well; attended his funeral; heard his funeral sermon preached, in which that godly and pious man, Rev. J. W—, pronounced a sublime eulogy on the good man and his Christian devotion; and here he is reporting that he has not seen God nor Christ neither? Is he in heaven or hell?—I can't understand it!" No wonder. Previous teachings, which made the ideal fixed in the mind of the human soul, had no existence in fact. The investigator is non-plussed; is about to turn away, saying this must be from the devil—another attempt to drag humanity down to hell, by giving them false reports from the beyond. [Rap, rap, rap!] "What do you want?" "Ask more questions." "Well, what shall I ask?—Are you happy?" "Not as I expected to be." "Astonishing!—no good and pious a man

as Deacon B— not happy! Well, have you seen my brother George?" "Yes, and your uncle James Thompson, Sam Glaston, and a brother of yours, older than George." "Brother older than George?—that can't be so! I never had such a brother." Confused again. premature-birth brother heard from.

The investigator goes away—a religious man, confounded and confused—and for the time settles down into the belief that this must all come from the devil, or be a delusion, or be pure knavery on the part of the pretended Medium. He prays more devoutly, and clings closer to his previous teachings, and really conceives that perhaps the devil is trying to get his soul and drag him down to hell.

Against such teachings, hybrid and in-born, the Spirit-world began in their efforts to teach us our true relations to God and life.

[For the Voice of Angels.]

## A REMARKABLE SPIRIT COMMUNICATION.

DEAR DENVER,—I must confess that it is with some misgivings that I have at last consented in my own mind to give publicity to the annexed fact of a Spirit-communication. But it is so remarkable that whatever may be thought of it, it may be productive of some good somewhere. It was an entirely volunteer communication to me, through my sister, Medium Mrs. Emma Carter, who wrote it under influence from time to time, as she got leisure from her usual duties. She says that the Spirit purporting to be that of Salmon P. Chase was around and about her for several days, and at last she was compelled to write.

The communication seems somewhat turgid and "hifalutin," but in all that swollen and bombastic method and style it seems to mean something, and is full of kernel. In reference to General Grant and the Presidency, it speaks prophetically, though as a sort of matter of course. *Nous verrons*, as the French have it:

*Eminent Judge and Brother Townsman:*

"Memory, that great crucible of knowledge, will lead us back even to the month of babyhood. To take in the whole make-up of ourselves, we can never throw away from us our origin. Perfection in humanity roots us to earth. There spring our first aspirations; there lives the vitality of our souls. Other worlds may interest us, but no other world will produce those magnetic threads which spread like a woven web over the entire circle of our being. Therefore we come back and ask



the fellowship of hand-shaking, the embracing of old associations. The interest of old landmarks still lives within us, and we cling to them as something reverential—the root of our life, our home, our household.

"Then, respected Judge, the argument continues, and our position is defined. Our dwelling-place has been no thieving roost; no pot-fogger bombast puts in a life interest there. We commenced and continued teachers. We proclaimed ourselves lawgivers, and turned the course of circumstances to our own satisfaction. As we grew in knowledge, we found ourselves creators of law, which had no bearing on the God-law, unknown to us. As we ripened in thought, we coursed our way into the people's hearts, and became the rock on which they rested. This was a bullet in the brain of imagination, and the work of a lion's strength to hold the weight put upon it. In this emergency, we stripped ourselves to the skin, nor rested night nor day. Showers of strength fell upon us, and we silenced dissension, and made the discordant in thought harmoniously agree. Yet the quarrel still goes on, and the argument still continues.

"The weight of a Jackson's might presses upon the people, and the solid fact of a silver basis, the only method of prosperity, exists. The debt of a nation blinds it to the people and gives it vitality. It makes of it the people's rights, and in time to come they alone will govern it because they are the owners thereof.

"Grant, the next President, because the people will it, will set aright the controversy. The whole nation will rejoice, and the firm foothold that Washington, Jackson and Lincoln made glorious will stand fast under Grant. No other man has the unbounded good will of the whole united brotherhood of these United States. His ambition is not in the glory of being President. He knows no party politics. He is simply a man of wisdom—a man iron-bound, who fears no enemy. He looks neither to the right or the left; he gives no one the preference; but keeps an eye on all, and to the life of the government. The South, which has been laid, and is just now becoming resurrected, he will slowly balance their cause, and when the weight equals that of ours, he will show them that mercy they so much parade in having, and which came near being consummated by the present administration. The flag of our liberty, the eagle of our glory, the grand old goddess of liberty—our mother—watches with pride her children. She claims for every one justice and truth.

"A powerful plot has been broken up, and the merited to its injustice falls upon a woman. If politics put on such a shape as this, it were better abolished. And he that touches the fair fame of a daughter of mine does it through death's door. A Spirit-father protects his child, and the gentle mother who bore her pants in indignation for the man who would show himself such a coward."

Getting thus far in the much longer communication, and there being so much in this first part of it, notwithstanding its turgid expression, I will reserve the rest for future publication perhaps.

The name of Salmon P. Chase is appended to the extended communication, and it was given me as being addressed to me. It is certainly very remarkable, curious and unique, and I put it down and send it in black and white for what may come of it.

Yours, truly,

A. G. W. CARTER.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 7, 1879.

#### AN INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE.

THROUGH MRS. A. BARRY, AT GOLDEN CIRCLE, LITTONVILLE, PENN.

It is good to be here, good to stretch forth the hand of fellowship, good to commune mortal with Spirit, good to commune Spirit with Spirit, with those who are still walking in the flesh, good to search the highways and byways of life to seek out truth to satisfy the souls asking.

Ye are met in the spirit of truth, and we come to you with gleanings from the life of Spirit, come to quicken your sensibilities, come to greet you with a new-born day-star of consciousness. The world of Spirit is all about you; you live in it, walk in its pathways unconsciously; influences come to you as the breezes blow, not only in your exalted conceptions of divine life and beauty, but in every mood, in every aspiration of the soul.

God is in Nature, and his truth is manifest in her works: but he ye exalted unto heaven, unto righteousness, unto every good work. Humble yourselves to know truth, to receive it into your lives, and to act wisely and with good intent toward all of earth's creatures.

Thus I leave you: blessings upon you. Come ye oft together in friendship's holy name, and may the spirit of love and truth be with you ever, and the benediction of the good.

I HAVE grown patient; seeking not to change  
Mine own blind lot, but take that God shall send,  
In which, if what I long for I should lose,  
I know the loss will work some blessed end,  
Some better fate for mine and me than I  
Could ever compass underneath the sky.

—All the Year Round.

#### COL. INGERSOLL'S TRIBUTE.

(We clip from *Mary's Sunday Chronicle* the following arrangement in black verse of Col. Ingersoll's eulogy of the funeral of his brother.)

That which the dead oft promised he would do for me,  
I am now called to do for him.

The friend

And loving brother, husband, father, friend,  
That when the men of mischief, meeting me,  
And threw the shadows falling toward the west  
On life's fair highway, he had not yet passed  
The stone that marks the highest middle point,  
But for a moment wavered, he lay down  
To rest by the wayside, and just there  
His burden being for a pillow—  
Into that dreamless sleep which blossoms down  
His eyelids still. And so, while in his flower—  
In love with life and engrossed with the world—  
He passed to silence and pathetic dust.

Perhaps it may be best, just having reached  
The happiest, sunniest hour of all the voyage,  
While eager winds are blowing every sail,  
To dash against the unseen rock, and lose  
The billows in an instant once above  
A sunken ship. For whether in silence,  
Or among the breakers of the farther shore,  
A wreck must mark at last the end of each  
And every life—no matter through what stage,  
Its every hour is laden rich with love,  
And every moment jeweled with a joy—  
Most sweetly close, and at its end breathe  
A tragedy as sad and deep and dark  
As can be woven from the warp and weft  
Of mystery and death!

This strong and brave, this pure and tender man,  
In every atom of life was oak and reed;  
But in the sunshine he was vine and flower.  
He was the friend of all heroic souls  
He climbed unsullied reason's lofty heights,  
And left all superstitions far below.  
While on his thoughtful forehead fell in gleams  
The golden dawning of the grander day.  
He loved the beautiful, and was from youth  
With color, form and music, touched by tears.  
He stood with the suffering and weak,  
And with a medical charity gave aid.  
With loyal heart and with the purest hands  
He faithfully discharged all public trusts.  
He was a worshipper of liberty—  
A friend to those who were mistaken and oppressed.  
A thousand times I've heard him quote these words:  
"For justice every place a temple meet;  
For her all sciences summer!" He believed  
Our human happiness the only goal,  
He saw the truth revealing truth,  
Justice the only worship worthy men,  
Humanity the only true religion,  
And love the only heaven and final prize.  
He added to the sum of human joy  
Were each for whom he did some loving service  
To bring a simple blessing to his grave,  
He would indeed be buried, and tonight  
Would sleep beneath a wilderness of flowers.

Life is a narrow vale between the cold  
And barren peaks of two eternities.  
We strive in vain to look beyond the heights;  
We cry aloud; the only answer heard  
Is that the only of our wailing cry.  
The unreplying dead—our loved, our mourned—  
Aid from their voiceless lips no word nor sign.  
But in the night of death hope sees a star—  
And listening love can hear the rustle of a wing.

He who sleeps here, mistaking the approach  
Of painless death for sweet return of health,  
Low whispered, dying, "I am better now,"  
Let us believe, in spite of doubts and fears—  
In spite of fears and tears—that those dear words  
Are true for him—for all the countless dead.

And now to you, dear friends, who have been called,  
Chosen among the many friends he loved,  
To do the last sad office for the dead,  
To you do we commit his sacred dust.

Speech cannot hold our love. There was, there is,  
No gentler, stronger, nobler, manlier man.

Then earth hath kindness,  
The sea, the starry sky;  
Earth, sea and sky, and God above—  
But ah, not human souls!  
—Matthew Arnold.

Laws are the silent successors of God.—W.  
H. Alger.



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## EDITORIAL

## WOMEN AT THE POLLS.

We do not propose to go into exhaustive details of the subject heading this article, as that would take more space than we can spare; but we thought a few words upon the subject might not be uninteresting to the general reader. The question of woman suffrage is one that is constantly recurring to the thinking mind, one that cannot be dismissed by a turn of thought, a wink, or the wave of a hand. Founded as this question is upon the platform of eternal justice, it demands a recognition of its claims and an answer to its plea; and all who love justice and scorn tyranny and oppression cannot fail in their inmost souls to concede the right of the elective franchise to woman.

Let us look at the facts of the case as they present themselves before us. In the first place, let us ask, What man in this country does not love and cherish the privileges secured to him through the exercise of the ballot? Where is the man who would not rebel at an attempt to deprive him of them? These privileges are of paramount value to him, because they constitute his right of citizenship, his power to use his voice in selecting a proper government for his country, the right to make laws which shall result directly to his own benefit, the protection of his property and the welfare of his family. Also, the power to raise his voice effectually in opposition to unjust and unworthy laws, until they become repealed or remain a dead letter on the statute books. Again, we ask, Where is the man who does not value these rights and privileges secured to him because he happens to have been born of the masculine gender, and *not* because of any peculiar inherent merit attached to himself? Further: Who does not know that taxation without representation is both unjust, and to all intents and purposes illegal, according to the proper definition of citizenship? The merest school-boy in this country knows very well that this country rebelled in 1776 against Great Britain, and made a desperate but successful stand for independence and liberty, for no other mortal reason than that she was unjustly taxed and denied the right of a voice in the selection of her rulers. That America stands as it does today a free republic, is simply

because she was forced to pay taxes without the right and privileges of representation, which the men (and women too) of their adopted country knew was an outrage upon justice and fair-dealing, perpetrated against them by the mother country. And in this enlightened land, every landholder wearing the garb of the masculine sex, every owner of personal property who pays his taxes and belongs to the male part of creation, aye, every male over the age of twenty-one years, whether he has property or not, who proves his ability to read the Constitution and write, who can demonstrate that he is an American citizen, and pays his paltry poll tax, exercises the right of franchise, and throws his ballot, whether for weal or woe to the country, who can tell?

Now let us look at the opposite side of the picture and see what that reveals. Remember that the American republic was founded upon the intelligence of the people composing it. It claims to be a free country, where every citizen has an equal right in justice, liberty and equality before the law. What do we find? Statistics reveal the fact that within the limits of this great country, highly educated, intelligent women are taxed annually for many millions of dollars worth of property, the revenue of which in the shape of taxes flowing into the government coffers helps materially to sustain our commonwealths and nation, and although the owners of all this property are conceded to be as much citizens of the republic as one of the male portion thereof, yet not one voice of this disfranchised multitude can be heard in our legislative halls, not one ballot thrown at the polls—and although the legitimate owners of this enormous amount of property, not one of its numerous female representatives can use her influence in framing laws which shall protect her life and property. And why? Simply because she is a woman! Not because she is incompetent to understand the laws; not because she lacks intelligence or education; but because she is a woman!—and because old conservatism has said she shall submit to be ruled and governed by her lord and master, man!

Now, let us glance at the results of woman suffrage, wherever it has been allowed. They are simply this: It is admitted on all sides and from all quarters wherever woman has been admitted to the polls, that good order has universally prevailed; the elections have passed off quietly and with decorum; no stuffing of ballot-boxes was ever detected, and the elections invariably show better returns for upright and honorable men, and poorer returns for

the ambitious, corrupt office-seeker, than ever before. In Wyoming Territory, of our own fair colossal country, woman suffrage thus far works to perfection. The elections are conducted as orderly as any other public gathering. The candidates for office who are known to be immoral and corrupt are invariably defeated; the *best men*—those who are publicly known to possess a good influence, whose reputations for strict integrity and honor stand unblemished before the world—receive the women's vote. Furthermore, it is shown that a candidate for office, to gain his election in that territory, since women have gained the ballot, must be known for his goodness and his ability to properly execute the duties of his office.

The subject is so profound and momentous; there being so much to be said concerning the right of woman to the ballot, it can never be exhausted; and we will not attempt it. Suffice it to say, in conclusion, who but woman understands the influence of home life, the endearing ties that constitute the charm of the home circle? And would she not be likely to cast her vote for the interest of her home and the beings of her love? She, more than any man ever can, feels the need of protection of herself and children; and there is no fear that she will go to the polls to cast her vote for the corrupt and unprincipled office-seeker. And as for being contaminated from her association with man at the polls, she who is brought into contact with the opposite sex, and closely allied to father, brother, husband, son, in every relation of life, from birth to death, can safely trust herself to walk amongst the men who throng the ward-room on election-day, without receiving one stain that will mar the purity of her womanhood.

## VERIFICATION OF SPIRIT-MESSAGE.

VINELAND, N. J., Oct. 15, 1879.

DEAR BRO. DENSMORE,—I see by Tunie's message you are not well; am sorry to see this; for your work is a glorious one, and appreciated by hosts of friends on both sides of the river.

I forgot to make mention of my mother's last message, in last paper No. 19, which I recognize as true, and am very thankful to Miss Shelhamer, and to you for publishing it.

Fraternally,

R. M. ADAMS.

THE aim should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think; rather to improve our minds, so as to make us think for ourselves, than to load the memory with the thoughts of other men.

THE life of action is nobler than the life of thought.—*Mrs. Craik.*



## SPIRIT MESSAGES,

GIVEN AT THE "VOICE OF ANGELS" CIRCLE,  
OCTOBER 5TH, 1879.

THROUGH THE ORGANISM OF M. T. SHEL-  
HAMER.

INVOCATION, BY ROBERT ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN.

Oh, Thou Infinite One who fillest immensity with thy presence! Thou art the Unknown and the Unknowable to man, because of thy Infinitude, but we thank thee tonight that Thou hast so far revealed thyself to thy intelligent creatures that they can comprehend Thee as their Father and their Mother God.

We thank thee that thou hast revealed thyself as a God of love, as one worthy to receive the homage of our Spirits, and to impart to our souls the highest inspirations of Divine Truth. We thank thee that Thou hast so far explained thy purposes to us, that we can meet in loving concord with thy angel hosts, and sing our songs of gratitude and praise for the mercies of the past, the blessings of the present, and the hopes of the future!

And oh, may these songs of thanksgiving be wafted on through thy open corridors of Heaven, until every soul shall join the anthem of praise!

We thank thee, oh, Blessed Spirit of all Spirits, for the wonders of thine Infinitude; that two worlds may meet in holy communion; and we ask that these Messenger-Spirits be given still greater power to bear the light unto the dark places of earth, until every sad and sorrowing heart becomes uplifted with the knowledge that their loved ones live beyond the grave, and they shall meet them in thine own sweet home.

MINNIE MERTON.

I'se tum to tee you. I'se tum long way in fer tars. My froat is sore, awful sore. I wants to sen' my love to mamma—oh, I want to sen' it awful bad! I be Minnie Merton. [Where did you come from?] Way off in fer tars. [Yes, but what State does your mamma live in?] Kansas, Topeka. Will my froat be sore ever'n ever? [No, it will be all well now.] Is'e dot ganma wif me. She isn't ole ganma; she's young, like mamma is. Pitty lady bringed me here—pitty lady, wif long curly hair, jess like fer sunshine. Mamma is Nellie Merton. Tan I go to mamma now? [Yes, dear.] Will she know I'se tum? I wants mamma to know I'se tum to her, ever so much, I do. [I think you can make her know it now. How old were you?] I wasn't fee years ole. I went to seep in fer cole weafer, an' I je-s dot back. Dood bye. [Good bye.]

MRS. C. S. ROBERTS.

I UNDERSTAND, sir, that here Spirits can

return and send forth their message of love to their dear ones yet in mortal; and it would be a blessed privilege to me to be allowed to send out a token of remembrance to my dear husband and darling children. [You are welcome.] My name is Mrs. C. S. Roberts. I have been in Spirit-life a few weeks over two years. I left a loved and loving family, and although it was hard to part, yet it was not without hope; for I knew so well concerning the return of Spirits. And now I wish to say, that never a day passes but that I return from my peaceful Spirit-home to hear to them the watchful love of my soul. Not a change comes to them but I know it; not an event occurs in their midst but I sympathize with them; and in their coming and going, in their shadows and joys, I recognize the Divine Will, that leadeth them onward in Spirit towards the eternal home.

Whenever it is possible, I will come to them, and make my presence known. Medium powers are there, and it is the Spirit's promised work to utilize them; and with the light of untiring love, the joy of untiring devotion, I ever bring the measure of my affection.

A mother's blessing, a wife's benison, rests ever upon the dear ones, and like a ray of glory lightens up the pathway towards the Summer-land. My Spirit-home is beautiful; of its glory, mortals can only faintly conceive; they get but glimpses of what lies before in the Realm of Souls.

I was mediumistic myself, and sometimes dimly felt the beauties of Spiritual life. Far from the home of my later years, but amid the scenes and with the kindred and friends of earlier years, I passed quietly away; and to each dear friend in Maine, each loved one, I send my love and assurances that all is well with me.

I passed on at North Vassalboro, Maine. I lived in Yates, Illinois. I wish my message to go to Mr. C. L. Roberts, Yates City, Ill. I thank you.

EDWIN POULTON.

I WONDER if there is room here for me? [Yes, there is room here for everybody.] Everywhere I go, there seems to be no room for me. I thought there was none on earth, and I'd get out; but it's just jumping out of the frying-pan into the fire. Now, they told me to come here and tell my story, and I'd feel better. I don't want to come here; I don't want to tell my story. [Why not?] Well, in the first place, you're all strangers, and I'm not used to speaking in this way; then I don't know as its anybody's business

about my story. I didn't do as well as I ought to, and I don't know but it's the best way for everybody to do the best they know how, and keep their heads straight, which I didn't do.

I suppose I believed in some kind of a hereafter, but it's not this kind. I'm in no burning hell; but I'm rather uneasy to see some one. I hate this being alone, anyhow. [Where are you from?] Shelburne Falls, Mass. [What name?] Edwin Poulton. Oh, I've only been out a couple of weeks, and I put myself out. But I'm no better off; only some may be better off here without me.

I was a manufacturer at Shelburne Falls.

[Here the chairman gave the Spirit some good advice, and he seemed to leave in a better frame of mind.]

MRS. SOPHIA JOHNSTON.

I WAS brought here by a young lady from our place. I should like very much to send a few words to my daughter Dora. I would like to tell her I am happy now, with all our dear ones who went before me; I am not troubled with failing health and powers; all is calm and serene, and the sunshine in the Spirit-life is the wine of life that gives me health and strength. I come back often to help her, and to do her good. Her path is none of the easiest, but it's a good one; and she is blessed in her home and in her work by Angel-comforters.

I can't say much this time; but I bring my love. I am Sophia Johnston. I wish this to go to Mrs. Dora Ham, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

JENNIE SPRAGUE.

I PRESUME I may send a letter to my mother? [Yes, indeed.] I don't know as I ought to take the room of some one else; but poor dear mother is sick, and I feel I must come. I am Jennie Sprague. Darling mother, we have all gathered round you to minister to you strength and encouragement in your trying hour. I try to banish the clouds that will arise before you, for it is essential that your mind becomes clear and unruffled, in order to bring you perfect health. Don't you know how we love you, how we bless you every day?—how we are all guiding you home to the perfect rest that one day will be yours? And oh, darling mother, your little Jennie is with you every hour to soothe your pain and bring you strength—your little Jennie, who through all the years of her Spiritual life has grown by your side in the full sunlight of your mother love. Aunties send you such great love. They, too, are 'with you. Aunt Hattie says,



"Dear Maria, fear not; we are guiding you through this trial; with care you will regain vigor." Aunt Katie says, "Give you her blessing, which is always with you;" and my dear darling grandpa tells me not to forget to say he is at hand, and is doing more for you than you think. He is taking away the pain, and going to make you strong. Good bye, darling mother. I shall be with you in two minutes.

MESSAGES GIVEN OCTOBER 12TH, 1879.

LUCIE A. TENNEY.

I DID not know I could come in this way, when I died. I did not know heaven was like a beautiful garden, where souls grew strong and happy, and where every one looked beautiful, because they delighted to do good. I did not know that those who were wicked here are helped and encouraged by good angels, and so some time find the better way. I did not know I could come close to my mother, and see her sadness and her pain; and oh, when I witness the falling tear, when I notice the silent burden at the heart, I long to whisper, "Dear mother, do not grieve; I am happy; I am ever with you; you know I am better off now; you know I suffered; all is past; I am close by your side, with those who loved you in days gone by, and we bring you comfort and peace. Only go where we can come to you; find some Medium where I may talk alone with you, and I will convince you and father that I can return and bring you news of my heavenly home. I have only been dead five months. I passed away on the Sabbath, early in Spring; and now, on another Sabbath in Autumn, I return to tell each one of my life in another world.

I was eighteen years old. My name is Lucie A. Tenney. I would like you to send this to my father, Daniel B. Tenney, East Somerville, Mass.

HENRY METCALF.

I COME, sir, to despatch a short message to New Orleans. I am from that city. I have been what the world calls dead nearly ten years. Some changes have taken place within that time, that render it imperative for me to be heard. I want my brother John to look after those papers that he thought I lost. I did not lose them. My old lawyer knew very well where they were. He is dead now, but his son can tell John all he wants to know, and the affair can be settled this year. Now, if J. wants to know anything further, I will come here and give it.

HENRY METCALF, forty years old.

[I am glad you come so well.] Where

did you get all those beautiful flowers I see around you? [I can hardly call them mine, sir; they belong to the beautiful angels who are around me.]

AGNES PECK.

THE flowers you saw belong to me; I bring them for my mother—the roses of immortal love, blushing with the red hue of undying affection; the lilies of peace, pure and spotless, a blessing of rest in every snowy chalice; the daisies of truth, which blossom along the wayside of heavenly life, and which I bear to my mother's heart; and the beautiful blue forget-me-nots; these I bring that she may know I am ever with her.

I have come in mortal guise, and demonstrated the power of Spirit to manifest; I have brought lilies and ferns to deck my parents; I bring them always love. Oh, mother, are you not now rejoiced that your little Aggie was called home to the angels? Do you not feel the blessed influence of Spirit-presence all along your daily path, and know that when the white, still form of your darling was laid to rest, a golden link was forged connecting you forever with the heavenly world?

Oh, dear father, do you not know that through all the past and all the coming years your Spirit-daughter is by your side, watching and guiding you over?

I am attracted here by Mr. Hazard's daughters; they told me I could come.

My name is Agnes Peck. My father is Mr. John M. Peck, of Portland, Maine.

L. R. CARVER.

DRIFTING here from the West, sir, I would like to send forth a beacon-light towards Ohio. My words are few, but I send a blessing with them. For the one so dear to the Spirit-world—she who lives in company with angels—there is nothing but Spirit-love and Spirit-blessing. Past days have been dark, have been troublesome; but through them all, Spirit-hands were leading onward. The future will be full of peace and blessedness, and we rejoice at the good that is to come to her and hers.

L. R. CARVER.

REV. JOH C TYLER.

BLESSED are the dead who die in the Lord! More blessed are they who through death find life eternal! Thrice blessed are the dead who find life to be one continuous whole, and the chain of existence unbroken!

I spake the word as I felt it to be right; I did not know of this higher truth, this diviner life; for I feel that the going forth of God's messengers with tidings of eternal life is far more glorious than the eternal praises and hallelujahs.

I have only been out of the body a few months—I hardly know, perhaps I should say, a few weeks; but long enough to see that my old ideas were partially wrong, that life is grander than I dreamed; and I return to speak a word to my people, that they may know I live with new power, to preach a higher gospel of truth to mankind.

As I watched these beautiful angels hastening back to send out the light of love to father and to mother, I am overwhelmed with a sense of God's infinite goodness, and I bow my head in humiliation that I should ever have dared to think him a God of wrath. Blessed be his holy name! We praise Thee, oh, Father, for life, and for that deathless love that knows no change.

I was over ninety years in the body.

REV. JOH C. TYLER, of Canaan, New Hampshire.

[Selected.]

## THE TWO ANGELS.

BY H. W. LONGFELLOW.

Two angels, one of Life and one of Death,  
Passed o'er the village as the morning broke;  
The dawn was on their faces, and beneath  
The sombre houses heaved with plumes of smoke.

Their attitude and aspect was the same,  
Alike their features and their robes of white;  
But one was crowned with amaranth, as with flame,  
And one with asphodels, like flakes of light.

I saw them pause on their celestial way;  
Then said I, with deep fear and doubt oppressed:  
"Be not so loud, my heart, lest I betray  
The place where my beloved are at rest!"

And he who wore the crown of asphodels,  
Descending at my door, began to knock,  
And my soul sank within me, as in wells  
The waters sink before an earthquake's shock.

I recognized the nameless agony,  
The terror and the tremor and the pain,  
That oft before had filled and haunted me,  
And now returned with three-fold strength again.

The door I opened to my heavenly guest,  
And listened, for I thought I heard God's voice;  
And knowing whatso'er he sent was best,  
Dared neither to lament nor to rejoice.

Then with a smile that filled the house with light,  
"My errand is not Death, but Life," he said;  
And ere I answered, passing out of sight,  
On his celestial embassy he sped.

'Twas at thy door, O friend! and not at mine,  
The angel with the amaranthine wreath  
Pausing descended, and with voice divine,  
Whispered a word that had a sound like Death.

Then fell upon the house a sudden gloom,  
A shadow on those features fair and thin;  
And softly from that hushed and darkened room  
Two angels issued, where but one went in.

All is of God! If He but wave his hand,  
The mists collect, the rain falls thick and loud,  
Till, with a smile of light on sea and land,  
Lo, he looks back from the departing cloud.

Angels of Life and Death alike are His;  
Without his leave they pass no threshold o'er;  
Who then would wish or dare, believing this,  
Against His messengers to shut the door?

THE heroic soul does not sell its justice and its nobleness. It does not ask to dine nicely and to sleep warm. The essence of greatness is the perception that virtue is enough—*Ramson*.



[For the "Voice of Angels."]

## THE LAW OF SPIRIT-INTERCOURSE.

H. T. STARKES, [MEDIUM.]

THE law of Spirit-communion opens to our life so much of compensation for the death of our hopes, that we hold to it with a tightened grasp whenever a cloud appears upon the horizon of daily existence. It quickens our sympathies for all human life, for it opens to us the influences which approach all, and make them subjects more or less of the wills and desires of a mixed human existence, as the life of Spirit sheds upon the home life of earth its necessities, and demands its activities to meet them. The more we come to know of this law as an expositor of human life—that it is as much a necessity for Spirits to question us of earth, as we them of the celestial life—a simple human correspondence is established, which makes us see it to be legitimate to ask all forms of questions of such sources as are open to us; that thereby the life which was unfinished in the earthly can go on with its plans, its aspirations, may build its machineries, unfold its visions, sing its songs, write its wills and conceptions, do its works of benevolence, and lay out its plans of earthly explorations, as well as heavenly; come by action to study the life of earth, as well as of the spheres; that a similar unfolding goes on in the celestial life as in the earth life.

That which is termed a Spiritual existence is but the action of the mental life, conjoined to a life of feeling, such as we know here on earth; that we are yet bound to the laws of earth's unfoldment, changing the condition by death, with no certainties of fact about earth, heaven, or the firmaments; we see a co-operation to be the law established in the nature of man and earth, whereby knowledge is obtained mutually by man and man, as the law of Spirit-intercourse inter-relates them.

The harmony which flows into the soul, which brings the peaceful qualities of rest and content for their uses, is but the action of more extended vision, the action of the soul's comprehension of its destiny and its agencies. The young hopes of life, in youth's spring-time, are the buds of promise; they wither for future revivals, for summer-time blossoming, for later fruitage.

Earth, as we here see and know it, may give no harvests; but the law of compensation, of growth, of unfoldment, makes our hope but the speech of the soul for growing, expanding, forming, working life. Therefore, Spirit-life in the celestial

world gives the law of association, of mutual dependence, gives time, place, ways and means for the continuance of earth's conceptions; and we go marching on with the life which surrounds us, to do a work of fulfillment of law; no rest save only as change is rest, and accomplishment is content.

Lesser designs accomplished, prepare the way for more complicated ones; and thus the more perfected life rises out from the simple, a thing of power and glory. Nature's harmony understood is the design found in her completed and inter-relating life, which is nowhere more traceable than by the law of Spirit-intercourse; for by it, uncompleted earth-life in child and man, idiot and sage, we see the means of nature to carry on her purpose in the ways she announces by fact of her intention. This law has revealed to us the continued existence of each—the embryo or germ of humanity, formless, to be unfolded by the law of continuity, and the sage who hath cherished his years, but yet is but a germ of life where knowledge is concerned, are both revealed as conscious individualities, marching on to question earth again and still again through the human; and as we come more fully to know it, our future is revealed thus to us. The mountain heights are for us all to climb, the weak and strong alike; the valleys to pass through, and the dark places of uncertainties, where the shadows of truth oppress us, and we cry for more light or more strength; clasping hands, we eagerly grasp, and are glad of earthly faces from the clouds, instead of strange angel ones.

We are all glad of new discoveries; new fields of thought explored bring their results into the daily life for domestic use, are home harmonizers. But the discovery of this law of the soul, its use more clearly defined day by day, in all the ways of life, is a sweetener of existence yet but little understood, but to be appropriated as the years go by, and clairvoyance becomes the property in culture of the mass of human life.

Our children, educated by daily experience, which is the fruit born from the facts of our experience, and held from the teaching of theological superstitions as to death, the grave, and Bible authority, may come to own a normal knowledge of the law of Spirit-intercourse, which reveals to them another life; may bring to the coming nations an inheritance of Spiritual power not now even dreamed of, not to be thought of;—for none are yet ready to listen.

Silently the forces of life work out the

law of coming growths, and we above or below look on to see our hopes' fulfillments, when we had forgotten their graves almost. Come, let us all live the law of beauty and use; take counsel of the celestial life, and be glorified thereby. We surely have need, in the dull gray dress of toil and care, which we must wear in the life of earth.

## INSPIRATIONAL.

THROUGH MRS. J. T. BURTON, NEW YORK CITY.

THE parent birds will linger near to their young. Love is the moving spring to all sentient life. I illustrate this principle by my advent tonight. It is love which propels me to you.

I am situated in a sphere adjacent to the seventh, and am in purple colors, which to your comprehension is the condition which high rank imposes. I am a leader of men and women, who congregate in temples, formed of high and sensitive principles. The rafters of this temple are pure morals, the windows are intellectual clearness, the doors frankness and candor, the aisles the paths to the Divine radiance, and the platform is progression.

I indoctrinate new forms but lately come in the faith of individual sovereignty and the actual work of self-perfection. I go from one zone to another, and pass outposts where Spirit-forms freshly emancipated from the bondage of their carnal estate may be gathered and examined. If they, according to their own judgment, are found fit for our section, they come forward, and I or others baptize them with fire; which means that I indoctrinate them into the mysterious source of the Divinity. They are afterwards clothed in purple, and have a radius of light about them, by which all others apart can distinguish them.

I have my fitness, and beautiful is she, and satisfied, and she requires no other essence to glorify her affectional prerogative. She came here first thirty-six hours after my Spirit left its clay tenement. I wandered around the old promises and seemed lost. Forms in yellow then came and lifted me afar, through darkness and strangeness, and at last stood me on an eminence, and one as bright as light of day, called Ossier, breathed upon me, saying, "Hail, brother! welcome to the new estate!" and then I knew I had passed from mortality to immortality, and I became extremely pleased, and felt into the pores of my skin sun-gladness. I spoke, and was surprised, for my voice sounded like strains of accidental music, and I thought of pearls running over light-stretched silver wire.



(For the Voice of Angels.)

## OUR CHILDREN.

AMID the noise of political struggles and the great confusion of religious excitements, it is well for some of us to examine carefully the evidence upon which our future success as a nation depends. Are we now trusting too much to the future? Do we place too much confidence in our statesmen and religious teachers, who may or may not at all times act in accordance with the divine revelations of intellect and judgment?

The American people are not noted for unbounded credulity. They can think and reason for themselves. Knowledge has cast a bright shadow over every threshold in the land, and in every home can be found men who reason from personal observation and judge from honest principles. We have men and women who feel in their souls the awe of God, when they look forward to the future. There is forced upon them the conviction that the time has arrived when every man and woman in the nation should act as moral and responsible beings. The power within rises up like a heavenly monitor, asking every living soul to stretch forth helping hands towards the future. Let the fathers become examples for their sons, and the mothers for their daughters; and our future lawmakers will be distinguished not only for their political wisdom and talents, but will throw a moral and religious restraint about their lives, forcing them to sentiments of duty. And when they are called into active life, they will be ready and willing for their God-appointed work.

After the storms of political strife, it is cheering to behold a "bow of promise." America may see her beautiful rainbow in the bright young faces of her children. Oh, how my heart glows, when I think of our future as a nation and our future as a church! Religion is the most powerful agency on which we are to depend for the creation and the cultivation of the great conservative principles of duty in the teeming millions of our future populations.

Let our ministers preach and pray more earnestly; let our Christian parents sow the seeds of early piety more plentifully in the hearts of their children; and the great work will go on in a rapidly progressive manner. Religion is indeed the indispensable and potent instrumentality by which the pulpits and educational appliances of the future are to be rendered sufficient to accomplish their great and glorious work. Religion is the only power through which our body politic can be purified from the evils engendered by the godless ambition of our public men and law-makers.

## OBITUARY.

DIED of consumption, at Hotel Middlesex, Boston, on the morning of Sept. 25th, Mr. PHILANDER SHAW, aged 61 years.

We were well acquainted with Mr. Shaw for many years, and a more noble specimen of a man, in the truest sense of the term, we never met. Mr. Shaw had been a consistent Spiritualist for thirty years. He possessed a genial, happy temperament, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

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**CORRECTION.**--In our last issue a communication was given in the name of Wm. F. Gary. It should have been Wm. F. *Gury*.

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